PREGNANCY WELLNESS PROGRAM REGISTRATION PACKET

Soldier's Name		Estimated	Estimated Date of Delivery Profile	
Rank	MOS		SSN	
Unit		Duty Phone	Home Pho	ne or Cell
1SG		Commander	Supervisor	Name
Unit Phone Numb Number	oer		Supervisor	rs Phone
ETS Date	PCS Date	e Chapter 8	with pregnancy: 🗆	YES 🗆 NO
Housing: 🗆 Post	Housing 🛭	Off Post Barracks		
Age	Et	hnic Background	Education	Level
Number of Pregna	nncies N	umber of Children	Number in Hous	sehold



U.S. Army Active Duty Pregnancy Information

Congratulations!

With this pregnancy, you will be facing extraordinary changes in your life. Unlike your civilian counterparts, you also have to manage the impact that your pregnancy and military life will have on each other. The following information is provided to help you, the active duty expectant mother / Soldier, make key decisions and chart the best course for your pregnancy.

The Army has responsibility for safe, adequate training; therefore, you will be enrolled in the Pregnancy Postpartum Physical Training program. The intent of this program is to protect you and the baby while maintaining Soldier readiness and ensuring productive use of the Soldier. Common sense, good judgement, and cooperation must prevail between policy, Soldier, and Soldier's commander to ensure a viable program.

Exercise is beneficial to both Soldier and baby. It promotes easier delivery and reduced physical discomforts; fewer c-section, preterm delivery, low birth weight rate; and consistent moderate exercise maintains fitness during pregnancy and improves postpartum recovery.

Army Physical Fitness Test (APFT):

Upon the diagnosis of pregnancy, the Soldier is exempt from regular unit physical fitness training and APFT testing/weight standards for the duration of the pregnancy and 180 days past pregnancy termination. After receiving medical clearance from their health care provider to participate in physical training, commanders will enroll Soldiers who are pregnant or postpartum to take part in the Army Pregnancy/Postpartum Physical Training (PPPT) program, an element of the Army Physical Fitness Training Program, in accordance with AR 350–1, Army Training and Education. The PPPT Program is designed to maintain health and fitness levels of pregnant Soldiers, and successfully integrate postpartum Soldiers back into unit physical fitness training programs with emphasis on achieving the APFT standards in accordance with guidance provided in the Army Physical Fitness Training Program, and meeting

height/weight standards in accordance with guidance provided in the Army Weight Control Program. Pregnant and postpartum Soldiers must be cleared by their health care provider prior to participating in physical fitness training.

Postpartum Profile:

Prior to leaving the hospital, your doctor will provide you with a postpartum profile. This temporary profile will be for 45 days beginning the day of delivery and allows for PT at your own pace. Participation in a postpartum PT program is encouraged to assist you in returning to required physical fitness standards and transitioning back to unit PT.

Maternity Uniforms:

You will be provided two sets of maternity uniforms (BDUs or Whites). At most posts, you will need to take a memorandum from your commander requesting the issue and a copy of your pregnancy profile showing your due date to the Central Issue Facility (CIF) or the unit supply room. These uniforms will be turned in upon your return from convalescent leave. Check with your chain of command to inquire about specifics.

Education:

You are encouraged to participate in childbirth education programs offered at your facility. Childbirth education may include birthing classes, infant care information, breast-feeding education, exercise during pregnancy, and tours of the birthing unit and postpartum areas. Visit your Medical Treatment Facility (MTF) and see what they have to offer.

Pregnancy Profile:

Upon confirmation of your pregnancy (by confirmation or a lab test), you will be provided a physical profile that is effective for the duration of the pregnancy. Activities that are acceptable during pregnancy are specifically noted in the profile and include: specific stretching, aerobic conditioning at own pace, lifting up to 15 pounds, wearing a helmet, and carrying a rifle.

Although you are exempt from regular physical training (PT) and testing during your pregnancy, you are encouraged to participate in a pregnancy PT program, if available. Currently there is no standardized Army-wide PT program for pregnant and postpartum Soldiers. However, many installations do have programs available. Obtain your health care provider's approval for any proposed exercise.

Additional Limitations:

In addition to the physical profile, there are additional limitations regarding pregnant Soldiers outlined in the Office of the Surgeon General Memorandum, dated 23 May 2001, *Pregnancy and Postpartum Physical Profiles*:

- Except under unusual circumstances, the Soldier will not be reassigned to or from CONUS during pregnancy. She may be reassigned within CONUS. A physician must clear the Soldier prior to any reassignment.
- 2) An occupational history will be taken at the first visit to assess potential exposures in the Soldier's work area. An occupational medicine physician or nurse usually performs this task. Listed below are specific occupational concerns / limitations:
 - a) No duty where nausea, easy fatigue, or sudden light-headedness would be hazardous to the Soldier or others, to include aviation duty, Classes 1/!a/2/3, and work on ladders or scaffolding. The Soldier may be granted permission to remain on flight status with approval by physician and Advanced Training Course supervisor.
 - No duty with frequent or routine exposures to military fuels, (mogas, JP8, JP4) fuel vapors and / or handling.
 - c) No indoor weapons training due to airborne lead concentrations and bore gas emissions.
 - d) No work in motor pool areas where the Soldier would be routinely exposed to potential hazards. This does not apply to pregnant Soldiers who perform infrequent preventative maintenance checks and services (PMCS) on vehicles or to those pregnant Soldiers who work in adequately ventilated areas adjacent to the motor pool (i.e., administrative offices)
 - e) Avoid excessive vibrations, example: Driving in large (greater than 1 1/4 ton) ground vehicles on unpaved surfaces.
- 3) Exempt from all immunizations except influenza and tetanus-diphtheria.
- 4) Exempt from exposure to chemical and riot control agents, wearing load-bearing equipment to include web belt, and wearing MOPP gear at any time.
- Duty:
 - a) Can work shifts and perform to continue military duty until delivery. Soldiers with complicated [pregnancies may have their duty modified their health care provider.
 - b) At **20 weeks** of pregnancy:
 - i) Exempt from parade rest or standing at attention for longer than 15 minutes.
 - ii) Exempt from swimming qualifications, drown proofing, field duty, and weapons training.
 - iii) Exempt from riding in or driving in vehicles larger than light medium tactical vehicles.
 - iv) Exempt from all PMCS duties.
 - c) At **28 weeks** of pregnancy, in addition to the above:
 - i) 15 minute rest period allowed every two hours.
 - ii) Duty day not to exceed 8 hours. Workweek not to exceed 40 hours.
 - iii) Duty day begins with reporting for formation or duty and ends 8 hours later.

Convalescent Leave:

Will be determined by attending physician following delivery. The usual time allotted is 42 days following a normal pregnancy an delivery. The physician also determines the amount of convalescent leave following other than normal pregnancy and delivery (i.e., elective or spontaneous abortions, complications)

Family Care Plan:

Talk to your unit chain-of-command to insure that you have a family care plan in place taking the new addition to your family into consideration.

DEERS:

Soon after discharge from the hospital, you must stop by your personnel office or the nearest DEERS office to enroll your baby in DEERS. While at the Military Personnel Office (MILPO), take time to update your SGLI (Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance) and DD93 (Emergency Data Sheet)

TRICARE:

After enrolling in DEERS, you will be given the necessary forms for your baby's enrollment into TRICARE. Complete these forms and take to your nearest TRICARE office.

Finance:

Notify the Personnel Administration Center (PAC) of your new dependent.

Both Parents Active Duty:

Both parents will need to update their SGLI and DD93. Only the sponsor needs to enroll the baby in DEERS, TRICARE, and notify PAC of new family member.

References:

- 1- Office of the Surgeon General Memorandum, dated 23 May 2001, Pregnancy and Postpartum Physical Profiles.
- 2- http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/Readiness/PPPt.aspx

Comment: Click on last link for current pregnancy profile information

Site provides a succinct summary of the information contained in the specific references listed below:

- AR 40-501 Standards of Medical Fitness, Pregnancy and Postpartum Profiles.
- AR 614-30 Assignments, Details, and Transfers, Overseas Service in Pregnancy.
- AR 600-8-10 Leaves and Passes, Postpartum Convalescent Leave.
- 3- http://usapa.army.mil

Comment: Navigate through Official Documents, Army Administrative Publications.

Site Details considerations in pregnancy.

DOD Directive 1308.1 DoD Physical Fitness and Body Fat Program

4- http://ww.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/html/1308.1.htm

Comment: Outlines postpartum exception to standard of fitness / body fat

Pregnancy Postpartum Physical Training (PPPT) Informed Consent

You have been invited to participate in a program designed to provide a safe, standardized exercise and education program for pregnant and postpartum Soldiers. All military members are required to pass periodic weight and fitness tests. Current military regulations give women six months after delivery to meet their age-appropriate requirements. (Lee, 1998) Many pregnant Soldiers do not participate in an exercise program while pregnant or if they do the programs are not designed to meet the specialized needs of the pregnant body. There is Command concern that female Soldiers are not able to return to readiness fitness level in the allotted time, resulting in lost productivity and decreased morale. In an attempt to remedy this problem a PPPT program has been designed by the United States Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, in collaboration with the US Army Physical Fitness School and a noted expert in pregnancy and physical activity.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' position on pregnancy and exercise acknowledges that "healthy women with normal pregnancies can safely engage in many types of exercise without compromising the fetus or complicating the pregnancy, labor or delivery." (Heffernan, 2000) Human data do not exist indicating that pregnant women should limit exercise intensity or lower target heart rates because of potential adverse effects. In the absence of obstetric or medical complications, healthy women can exercise moderately to retain cardiorespiratory and muscular fitness throughout pregnancy and the postpartum period. (ACOG, 2000) There are physiological changes, musculoskeletal alterations and energy demands that occur during pregnancy which must be taken into account and precautions observed when planning an exercise program for pregnancy. (Wang, 1998) The guidelines for exercise during pregnancy expressed in the Army PPPT program are based on the most current data establishing that in healthy, well-conditioned, active women regular, sustained exercise before and during pregnancy should enhance the course and outcome of the pregnancy for the mother and the infant. (Clapp, 1996)

This program's evaluation is designed to collect data to determine the effect of the Army PPPT program on the health and fitness of the mother. The health of the mother will include the effect on the female Soldier's ability to return to readiness fitness levels after pregnancy, length of gestation, type of delivery, and incidence of common discomforts of pregnancy, after she has participated in an exercise program specifically designed for pregnant and postpartum women. The evaluation results will serve as a tool for program improvement toward improved readiness of our military forces.

The population for the PPPT program is all pregnant women in the Active Duty and Reserve Component military. Participants must meet these criteria:

- Active Duty or Reserve Component military
- over 18 years of age
- not a high risk pregnancy
- not having multiple births in this pregnancy
- agree to limit alcohol, caffeine and smoking during the pregnancy
- agree to take the prescribed multivitamins recommended for pregnancy and consume adequate caloric intake
- agree to participate in the physical activities prescribed during the duration of the program within health care provider approval.

Participation will involve:

- Participation over next 15 months; nine months during pregnancy, then six months postpartum period.
- Release of last total and individual event APFT scores, weight, and height measures of subjects before becoming pregnant.
- Release of data relating to the length of gestation, type of delivery and delivery records.
- Taking APFT 6 months after delivery.
- Release of data concerning subject's ability to pass APFT, total and individual event APFT scores, weight and height.

Special precautions have been taken to protect the identity of the participants. The results of the program evaluation will not identify any individuals. Participation in exercise is voluntary and will not affect obstetrical care in any way.

I have read all of the above explanations about the PPPT program and understand my rights as a participant. I have had the program explained to me, as well as the inconveniences and possible risks and benefits of participation. I understand what the program is about and how and why it is being done. I voluntarily consent to participate. I understand that I may withdraw from exercise participation at any time.

Participant signature	date
Program Coordinator	date

Enrollment / Delivery/ Postpartum Surveys

Participant Enrollment Questionnaire 1- <u>Soldier</u> fills out during enrollment in the PPPT Program. Please circle or check your response or fill in the blank.

1. Soldier Name:	2. SS	2. SSN:			
3. Your age =	4. What is your due date (mm/dd/yyyy)?				
5. Unit:	Unit phone number:				
6. Are you currently on a profi	ile for something other th	an pregnancy?	Yes No		
If yes , is the profile Permaner	nt or Temporary?	Permanent	Temporary		
This profile prevents you from	participating in which of	the following: (ch	heck all that apply)		
□ a. Run		□e. Swimmin	g		
□ b. Walk		☐ f. Push-ups	;		
□ c. Resistar	nce training	☐ g. Abdomin	nal exercises		
☐ d. Aerobics	S	☐ h. Other (sp	pecify):		
7. How would you rate your o	verall stress level today?	1 2 3 4 (no stress)	5 6 7 8 9 10 (very high stress)		
8. How would you rate your o	verall fitness level today?	? 1 2 3 4 (not very fit)	5 6 7 8 9 10 (very fit)		
9. Last APFT score before yo	ou became pregnant:				
Total score:	Date	of this APFT test	t (mm/yyyy):		
Number of sit-ups:					
Number of push-ups:					
Run time (min:sec):					
APFT pass or fail?	Pass Fail				
10. Weight (pre-pregnance	cy):				
Taped? Yes	No				
Height:					
AR600-9 Pass or fail?	? Pass Fail				

Participant Delivery Questionnaire 2. <u>Soldier</u> fills out as soon after delivery as possible. Please circle your response or fill in the blank.

1. Soldier ID #: (First initial of last name followed by last four of SSN)		2. Today's date (m	nm/dd/yyyy):
3. Delivery date (mm/dd/yyyy):		4. Delive	ry type: □ vaginal □ cesarean
5. Your	weight (in pounds) on or near your delivery	/ date:	
6. Whe	re there any delivery complications?	☐ Yes	□ No
(for exa	ample: episiotomy, abnormal position of the	fetus, premature de	livery, etc.)
7. Whe	re did you deliver the baby? MTF C	civilian hospital	Non-medical location
frequer	your participation in the pregnancy/postpart acy or severity of any of the following condit the response.)		. •
	a. headaches/lightheadedness	□ Yes	□ No
	b. nausea/vomiting	☐ Yes	□ No
	c. frequent urination	□ Yes	□ No
	d. swelling	□ Yes	□ No
	e. problems sleeping	□ Yes	□No
	f. leg cramps	☐ Yes	□ No
	g. fatigue	□ Yes	□ No
	h. shortness of breath	□ Yes	□ No
	i. heartburn	□ Yes	□ No
	j. constipation	□ Yes	□ No

Participant Postpartum Questionnaire 3. <u>Soldier</u> fills out 3 to 4 months postpartum. Please circle or check your response or fill in the blank.

1. Soldier ID #: 2. Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy):					
(First letter of last name and last four of SSN i.e. L1081)					
3. Did you exercise using the At-Home Exercise Program after the baby was born (during convalescent					
leave before you returned to the PT Program)? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
If yes, how often	n? ☐ Once a week ☐ 3 times	s a week			
4. Did you participate in the Postpartum Physical Training Program provided by Command? ☐ Yes ☐No					
If yes, how often	n? ☐ Once a week ☐ 3 times	s a week			
5. Are you curre	ently on a profile for something other tha	n pregnancy? □ Yes □ No			
If yes , is the pro	ofile Permanent or Temporary? □ Per	manent □ Temporary			
This profile prev	vents you from participating in which of t	he following: (circle all that apply)			
	□ a. Run	□ e. Swimming			
	□ b. Walk	☐ f. Push-ups			
	☐ c. Resistance training ☐ g. Abdominal exercises				
☐ d. Aerobics ☐ h. Other (specify):					
6. How would you rate your overall stress level today? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10					
·		(no stress) (very high stress)			
7. How would ye	ou rate your overall fitness level today?	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (not very fit) (very fit)			
8. How often did	d you actively participate in the pregnand	cy/postpartum PT program?			
(please circle of	ne response for 'while pregnant' and one	e response for 'while postpartum')			
While pregnant	a. Actively participated in exercise class	s 6 or more times per month			
	b. Actively participated in exercise class 1 to 5 times per month				
	c. Did not participate in exercise class				
<u>Postpartum</u>	d. Actively participated in exercise class	s 8 or more times per month			
	e. Actively participated in exercise class	s 1 to 7 times per month			
	f. Did not participate in exercise class				

9. First	Postpartum dia	gnostic A	APFT sco	re:					
	Total score:								
	Number of sit-u	ıps:							
	Number of pus	h-ups:							
	Run time (min:	sec):							
	APFT pass or f	ail?	□ Pass		□ Fail				
	Date of this AP	FT diagn	ostic test	(mm/y	ууу):				
	First Postpartu	m Diagno	ostic Weig	ght:		(lbs) Hei	ight:		(inches)
	Taped?	□ Yes	[□ No					
	AR 600-9 pass	or fail?	□ Pass		□ Fail				
10. <i>Las</i>	t Postpartum d	liagnost	ic APFT	Scores	or 6-mo	nth Record	d APFT S	cores:	
	Total score:								
	Number of sit-u	ıps:							
	Number of pus	h-ups:							
	Run time (min:	sec):							
	APFT pass or f	ail?	Pass		Fail				
	Date of this AP	FT diagn	ostic test	(mm/y	ууу):				_
Last	Postpartum Dia	gnostic V	Veight or	6-mont	th Record	Weight:			
	Taped?	Yes	1	No					
	Height:								
	AR 600-9 pass	or fail?	Pass		Fail				

Final PPPT Program Questionnaire: <u>PPPT Program Staff</u> fills out when the Soldier leaves the program. Please circle or check your response or fill in the blank.

1. Sold	ier ID #:		2. Today's date (mm/dd/yyyy):		
3. Why did the soldier stop coming to the program? (check one response)					
	□ a. CH8		☐ g. deployed		
	□ b. ETS		□ h. termination of pregnancy		
	□ c. PCS □ i. high-risk pregnancy				
	☐ d. injury/profile ☐ j. failure to participate				
	□ e. returned e	arly to the unit (sooner th	nan 6 months postpartum)		
	☐ f. completed	the program (through 6 r	months postpartum)		
4. Did t	he soldier have a	a profile <u>after returning to</u>	o the unit? □ Yes No		
5. APF	T score after 6 m	nonths postpartum (REC	ORD):		
	Total score: _		APFT pass or fail? ☐ Pass ☐	Fail	
	Number of sit-u	ps:			
	Number of push	n-ups:			
	Run time (min:s	sec):			
	Date of this API	FT diagnostic test (mm/y	ууу):		
6.	Postpartum Dia	gnostic Weight:	(lbs.) Height:	(inches)	
	Taped? □ Ye	es □ No AR600	-9 Pass or fail? ☐ Pass ☐ Fail		
7. How	often did the so	ldier attend the pregnand	cy/postpartum PT program?		
(please	circle one respo	onse for 'while pregnant'	and one response for 'while postpartum')		
While p	oregnant	☐ Attended exercise cl	ass 6 or more times per month		
		☐ Attended exercise cl	ass 1 to 5 times per month		
		☐ Did not attend exerc	ise class		
While p	ostpartum	☐ Attended exercise cl	ass 8 or more times per month		
		☐ Attended exercise of	class 1 to 7 times per month		
		☐ Did not participate in	n exercise class		

Pregnancy Surveillance Program

Occupational Health Pregnancy Surveillance Questionnaire - Part I

TO BE COMPLETED BY EMP	LOYEE	
		B
		_ Rank:
MOS/Position:	SSN	l:
Supervisor's Name:	Un	it:
Duty Phone:	Home Phone:	BLDG. #:
Environmental Factors in your or any item that you are expose	•	elow that you perform as part of your duties
Duration of work (hours per we	ek):	
Have you been reassigned due	e to pregnancy? ☐ YES ☐ N	0
Work Area: ☐ Motor Pool ☐	Indoor Firing Range ☐ Arms	s Room
☐ Other (please specify):		
Description of work activities:		
•		
Work Exposures or duties: F	Please check all that apply to y	ou.
□ Vehicle Sanding	☐ Spray Painting	□ Parts Cleaning/Degreasing
☐ Fuel Handling	☐ Aviation Mechanics	☐ Photo Developing
☐ Driver of Vehicle over 1 ¼ ton	☐ Prolonged lifting over 25 pounds	☐ Working at Heights
☐ Prolonged Standing (# of ho	ours):	☐ Respirator Use
☐ Welding (please specify)	☐ Excessive Vibrations	☐ Other Industrial Operations
☐ Cold Extremes	☐ Heat Extremes	☐ Non-ionizing Radiation
☐ Ionizing Radiation	□ Pesticides	☐ Anesthetic Gases (hospital/clinic work)
☐ Chemotherapeutic Agents (i.e. hospital work)	☐ Communicable Diseases (i.e. hospital/clinic work)	☐ Blood Products (hospital/clinic/sanitation work)
☐ Loud Noise/Vibrations	☐ Chemicals (specify):	
☐ Frequent lifting/bending (spe	ecify weight lifted and frequenc	су

List other work place exposures you consider hazardous:

What safety equipment is required in the course of your duties?	
□ Respirator	
What kind?How often used?	
☐ Garments	
What kind?How often used?	
□ Belts/Harness	
What kind?How often used?	
□ Other - Specify:	
Health History:	
Significant OB History:	
Chronic Disease: Do you now, or have you had in the past: 1. History of heart problems, chest pain, or stroke 2. Increased blood pressure 3. Any Chronic Illness specify:	Yes No
 Difficulty with physical exercise Advice from physician not to exercise Recent surgery (last 12 months) History of breathing or lung problems Seizures, Convulsions, Epilepsy, Fainting, Dizziness Bleeding Disorder, Anemia, Bleeding Tendency Liver Disease (Jaundice, Hepatitis) Kidney Disease Muscle, joint, or back disorder Any previous injury still affecting you 	
Specify:	

19. Autoimmune disorder i.e. Lupus, Graves, HIV20. Other illness:Specify:		
Major Illnesses or surgery, with dates:		
Allergies:		
History of Illness in Family:		
Household Exposures:		
List any hobbies, household cleaning compounds, animals or might expose you to hazards: Occupational Health Pregnancy Surveillance Questionnai TO BE COMPLETED BY OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH PERSO	ire – Part II	nat you perform which
Date Questionnaire Received:		
OB History: Gravida Para	EDC	:
Previous pregnancy complication to include any miscarriages,	, spontaneous al	portions:
Worksite visit required? ☐ YES ☐ NO		
If yes, the following questions must be completed. If no, Prov	vider simply need	ds to sign this form.

Date worksite visi	t conducted:		
Description of wor	rksite:		
Potential exposure	es: (Note whether contr	olled or uncontrolled risks)	
Is consultation for exposure levels n		I sampling to establish pos	sible exposure or determine
Recommendation	s: (Include recommend	ations for modifications, job	reassignment, education, etc.)
NAME:		SSN:	
DOB:	Rank [.]	UNIT	